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ACTION EA-06

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O R 280355Z JAN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2649  
CINCPAC IMMEDIATE  
INFO JCS WASHDC  
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MAC SCOTT AFB ILLINOIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, MILI, WS  
SUBJECT: WESTERN SAMOAN REQUEST FOR LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE:  
VISIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH

REF: (A) STATE 016335 (DTG 251801Z JAN 77)  
(B) WELLINGTON 0309 (DTG 270418Z JAN 77)

1. GOWS MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ASI EIKENI TELEPHONED  
EMBASSY JANUARY 28 AND SPOKE WITH POLITICAL OFFICER CONCERNING  
VEHICLES FOR WESTERN SAMOA. ASI SAID HE HAD RECIEVED  
RETRANSMISSION OF SQUIRE'S MESSAGE (REFTEL A). HE SAID  
HE UNDERSTOOD SQUIRE'S NEGATIVE REPLY TO BE LIMITED TO  
QUESTION OF FREE RPT. FREE TRANSPORTATION ONLY. HE SAID  
HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY OFFICERS AT CINCPAC AND AGAIN  
IN TELEPHONE CALL TO SQUIRE THAT VEHICLES COULD BE  
TRANSPORTED VIA MAC IF GOWS PREPARED TO PAY FULL COMMERCIAL  
RATE OF \$18,500. ASI ADVISED HE HAD PRESENTED CASE TO GOWS  
CABINET TODAY AND CABINET HAD APPROVED EXPENDITURE OF  
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\$18,500 TO OBTAIN MAC AIRLIFT FROM HONOLULU TO PAGO PAGO.  
BASED ON THIS APPROVAL, ASI ASKED THAT USG GO FORWARD  
WITH AIRLIFT.

2. POLITICAL OFFICER TOLD ASI THAT JANUARY 26 MESSAGE  
FROM SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT TOMA HAD BEENFORWARDED TO  
DEPARTMENT JANUARY 27 AND THAT HIS TELEPHONE APPEAL WOULD

BE SIMILARLY FORWARDED VIA IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM. HE TOLD ASI  
FURTHERMORE THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD  
APPROVE MAC AIRLIFT, EVEN IF WESTERN SAMOA PREPARED  
TO PAY COMMERCIAL RATE. ASI SHOULD BE PREPARED, THEREFORE,  
FOR NEGATIVE RESPONSE. AT THIS ASI BECAME AGGITATED AND  
REMARKED THAT ENTIRE GOWS PLANNING NOW BASED ON USE OF  
CONVERTIBLES. GOWS HAS TRIED TO OBTAIN SUITABLE VEHICLES  
IN PAGO PAGO WITHOUT SUCCESS AND ONLY HOPE IS AIRLIFT OF  
AUTOS FROM HONOLULU. HE SAID HE IS CERTAIN MAC IS  
WILLING TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT IF DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL GIVE  
GO-AHEAD.

3. POLITICAL OFFICER SAID HE WOULD REPORT TELECON IMMEDIATELY  
TO WASHINGTON AND WOULD ADVISE ASI OF RESPONSE ASAP.  
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